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SUBJECT: WIPO: BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 2-4

REF: WIPO DRAFT PROGRAM AND DUDGET FOR 1978

1. CANADIAN MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM OTTAWA COMMENTS ON
WIPO BUDGET. AS CANADIANS ARE NOT ON BUDGET COMMITTEE THEY
HAVE ASKED US TO MAKE THOSE POINTS WITH WHICH WE AGREE AT
THE MEETING FOR THEM. AS CANADA IS ONE OF THE DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES SHOWING THE MOST INTEREST IN WIPO BUDGET QUESTIONS,
MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WE AGREE TO THEIR REQUEST AND THAT
OUR DELEGATION TO THE MEETING BE PREPARED TO RAISE THOSE
POINTS WE FIND VALID.

2. FOLLOWING ARE CANADIAN POINTS:

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM: (A) CANADIANS STILL
HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE FUNDING OF THIS PROGRAM OUT
OF THE REGULAR BUDGET. (B) ON WHAT AUTHORITY DOES DG
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PROPOSE INCREASE IN FELLOWSHIPS OF 7.6PERCENT. (SEE PARA64)?
IS TRAINING PROVIDED BY FELLOWSHIPS OF VALUE IF NOT
PART OF AN OVERALL PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING FACILITIES AND
STANDARDS OF COUNTRY CONCERNED? WHAT IS BASIS FOR OVERALL
20.7PERCENT INCREASE IN THIRD PARTY TRAVEL CONTAINED IN PARA-
GRAPH 57 (B)?

3. CONTRIBUTIONS: (A) CANADA OPPOSED TO THE COLLECTION OF 2.1 MILLION SF REQUIRED FOR THE REPAYMENT OF LOAN ON NEW BUILDING IN 1978 AS IT IS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL 1979. CANADIANS CONSIDER THIS AN UNWARRANTED ADVANCE ASSESMENT. (SEE PAGE 88.) (B) CANADA QUESTIONS PLAN TO PUT THE UNUSED 1 MILLION SF PROVIDED IN 1977 BUDGET FOR MOVE TO NEW BUILDING INTO RESERVES OF UNIONS AND ASKS IF THIS MEANS THAT THE MONEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO FINANCE ANY DEFICIT. (SEE PARA 86.) (C) CANADIANS SEE DG'S IDEA TO INCREASE NUMBER OF CLASSES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARIS UNION AS ONLY A MINIMAL GESTURE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CAPACITY TO PAY PRINCIPLE AND SUGGEST QUESTION MAY HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED IN A LARGER CONTEXT IN THE FUTURE.

4. FORMAT OF BUDGET DOCUMENT: (A) FORMAT DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO EASY ANALYSIS. DIFFICULT TO RELATE 1978 PROGRAM TO 1977 OR FUTURE YEAR PROGRAMS. WIPO SHOULD MOVE TOWARD MORE STANDARD FORM AT OF PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY OTHER UN AGENCIES (I.E. BIENNIAL PROGRAM BUDGET). (B) DG'S INTRODUCTION ON PAGES 5 TO 16 SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUMMARIZED IN TABULAR FORM. IN GENERAL, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO ITS OBJECTIVES. (C) CHAPTER II IS TOO BULKY WITH TOO MANY CROSS REFERENCES, AND NO CITATIONS OF AUTHORITY FOR CARRYING OUT DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES. (D) THERE IS TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF ACTIVITIES BY UNIONS RATHER THAN A RECOGNITION THAT ACTIVITIES AND STAFF POSITIONS CAN CUT ACROSS UNIONS, (E.G. IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIVISIONS DOES NICE UNION REALLY RECEIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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.024 MAN-MONTHS OF WORK FOR ITS ONE PERCENT CONTRIBUTION).

5. STAFF CHANGES: CANADIANS ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT DG'S PROPOSAL TO ADD NINE NEW POSTS IN LIGHT OF STATEMENT AT TIME OF ADOPTION OF 1977-79 BUDGET THAT NO NEW POSTS WOULD BE REQUIRED.

6. LASTLY CANADIANS NOTE DG HAS MADE A NUMBER OF SAVINGS IN EXPENDITURES AND MAY EXPECT COMPLIMENTS FOR THEM, BUT THAT ONE COULD ALSO CONCLUDE THAT THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE MAY HAVE BEEN TOO GENEROUS AND THIS SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IN FORMULATING ONE'S GENERAL APPROACH TO THE BUDGET.

7. IF POSSIBLE WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON WASHINGTON VIEW ON BUDGET IN ADVANCE IN ORDER THAT WE CAN COORDINATE WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. SORENSON

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